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extensive use being made of the two leading newspapers, the *Oregonian* and the *Oregon Journal*. The impression gained is that although the system of direct legislation has experienced many difficulties, the people of Oregon have as yet no intention of abandoning it, but rather are determined to eliminate its defects.

Social and Economic Survey of a Community in Northeastern Minnesota.

By GUSTAV P. WARBER. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 1915. Crown 8vo, pp viii+111. \$0.25.

This survey gives an accurate picture of a community in the cut-over section of northeastern Minnesota, where dairying and potato raising are the principal sources of income. It portrays in considerable detail the economic, civic, educational, religious, and social activities of the community, showing how it markets its products, how it buys goods, and how its political and religious life is organized. It is to be regretted that the maps which accompany the report are not so illuminating as they might be. Although they help one materially to understand the important facts as to topography, soil conditions, and natural vegetation, they are somewhat confusing in that no scale of miles is given to aid in their interpretation. But the report itself may be read with profit by all students of current problems.

Political Parties and Party Problems in the United States. By JAMES

ALBERT WOODBURN. New York: Putnam, 1914. 8vo, pp. 13+487. \$2.50.

In 1904 there was published a book of the same name by the same author. The present work is a revised edition bringing the volume down to date. It discusses American political parties, their history, machinery, and morality. The historical development of parties in the United States, written in an interesting though necessarily brief manner, comprises the first half of the book. In Part II the machinery of electing a president is outlined, and Part III deals with sundry party problems. Civil service reform, bosses, and party finance are discussed, and primary election reform is advocated to restore the government of the parties to the masses of the voters. The work is comprehensive, and might well be read by those whose general knowledge of the subject is meager.